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SUBJECT: ITINERARY OF FOREIGN NEWS MEDIA REP. -- LT.

GENERAL JORMA JARVENTAUS (RET.).

REFS: USDAO HELSINKI 010811Z OCT. 73, 181440Z JAN. 74,  
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1. AS SET FORTH IN REFTELS, LT. GENERAL JARVENTAUS, FINNISH ARMY (RETIRED), POLITICAL/MILITARY CORRESPONDENT FOR HELSINGIN SANOMAT, PLANS EXTENSIVE TRAVEL THROUGH US STARTING MID-FEBRUARY TO MID-MARCH. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO (A) FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH US DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICIES AND PROJECTED GOALS; (B) HOLD SMALL INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR DOD AND STATE OFFICIALS REGARDING ASPECTS OF WORLDWIDE US SECURITY POLICY; (C) HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS AND THEIR IMPACT UPON THE MILITARY BALANCE AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL WORLD; (D) HAVE SELECTED VISITS TO AND FAMILIARIZATION WITH US MILITARY SERVICES TO INCLUDE MILITARY SCHOOLS AND POSSIBLY TWO CIVILIAN INDUSTRIES INVOLVED IN MILITARY PROCUREMENT; (E) VISIT USIA FOREIGN PRESS CENTER.

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2. HELSINGIN SANOMAT IS FINANCING COMPLETE TRIP RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO US INTEREST LOCALLY, BOTH MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY.

3. JARVENTAUS SPEAKS GOOD GERMAN BUT HIS ENGLISH WHILE GOOD ENOUGH FOR PERSONAL NEEDS WOULD NOT MEET THE PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES OF VISIT. DAO'S REQUEST FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES HAS BEEN DENIED. AS RESULT, WE HERE AT THE EMBASSY ARE EXAMINING EVERY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO OVERCOME THIS LINQUISTIC PROBLEM. IT IS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT I TURN TO YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE ON THE BEST APPROACH TO HAVE GENERAL JARVENTAUS PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE INTERPRETER SERVICES IN FINNISH OR GERMAN DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON (VISITS TO STATE, USIA AND DOD).

4. WHILE JARVENTAUS IS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HE SHOULD OF COURSE HAVE EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR POL/MIL OFFICERS. WE ARE SURE THEY WILL FIND HIS EXPERIENCE AND VIEWS MOST USEFUL. AT SAME TIME, WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT AN APPROACH WITH OUR BUREAU OF POL/MIL AFFAIRS TO CONVINCE ISA IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THAT IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST (POLITICAL AND MILITARY) TO HAVE JARVENTAUS GIVEN VIP TREATMENT AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS HE IS EXPECTED TO VISIT. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT A FULL-TIME INTERPRETER CANNOT ACCOMPANY EVERY FOREIGN JOURNALIST WHO VISITS THE US. HOWEVER, EACH LOCAL HEAD-QUARTERS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WITHIN THEIR OWN RESOURCES TO SCHEDULE A STIMULATING PROGRAM FOR SUCH A WORTHWHILE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSET, INCLUDING A GERMAN-SPEAKING INTERPRETER. WE UNDERSTAND THE LEVEL OF SUCH INTERPRETING WILL BE UNEVEN. WE ONLY ASK THAT EACH HEADQUARTERS BE INSTRUCTED TO DO THEIR VERY BEST.

5. LET US KNOW THE RESULTS OF YOUR APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE THE ENTIRE TRIP DEPENDS ON AN UNDERSTANDING RESPONSE. ONCE AGAIN WE REFER TO "THE CARE AND FEEDING OF LITTLE FRIENDS."

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